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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

 (Currently Amended) A Luneberg lens having a single-layer structure or a multilayer structure containing a plurality of layers having different dielectric constants.

wherein the respective structure is produced by mixing a polyolefin resin and/or a derivative thereof with an inorganic filler having a high dielectric constant, the volume ratio of the polyolefin resin and/or the derivative thereof to the filler being 99 to 50:1 to 50, the resulting resin mixture being substantially uniformly cut, adding a foaming agent to the resulting resin mixture and then performing preliminary expansion, and molding the resulting pre-expanded beads;

and wherein at least a foamed dielectric layer having a dielectric constant of 1.5 or more is formed using the pre-expanded beads that have been classified by gravity separation such that f(A) satisfies the expression $0.0005 \le f(A) \le 0.1$, where f(A) is represented by the equation: $f(A) = \sigma a/A$ ave, σa is the deviation of a gas volume fraction Ar in the foamed dielectric layer, and Aave is the average of the gas volume fractions Ars at positions in the foamed dielectric layer.

- (Previously Presented) The Luneberg lens according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic filler having a high dielectric constant comprises a titanate.
- (Original) The Luneberg lens according to claim 2, wherein the titanate is barium titanate, strontium titanate, calcium titanate, or magnesium titanate.

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4. (Cancelled)

 (Withdrawn) A method of producing a Luneberg lens that satisfies the requirements described in claim 1, comprising the steps of:

mixing a polyolefin resin and/or a derivative thereof with an inorganic filler having a high dielectric constant, the volume ratio of the polyolefin resin and/or the derivative thereof to the filler being 99 to 50:1 to 50:

adding a foaming agent to the resulting resin mixture and then performing pre-expansion; classifying and selecting the resulting pre-expanded beads by gravity separation or size classification; and

forming the classified and selected pre-expanded beads into a shape.

 (Currently Amended) A Luneberg lens having a single-layer structure or a multilayer structure containing a plurality of layers having different dielectric constants,

wherein the respective structure is produced by mixing a polyolefin resin and/or a derivative thereof with an inorganic filler having a high dielectric constant, the volume ratio of the polyolefin resin and/or the derivative thereof to the filler being 99 to 50:1 to 50, the resulting resin mixture being substantially uniformly cut, adding a foaming agent to the resulting resin mixture and then performing preliminary expansion, and molding the resulting pre-expanded beads on condition that the concentration of the inorganic filler is within a range of ±0.5% with reference to the designed concentration; and

at least a foamed dielectric layer having a dielectric constant of 1.5 or more is formed using the pre-expanded beads that have been classified by gravity separation or size

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classification such that f(A) satisfies the expression $0.0005 \le f(A) \le 0.1$, where f(A) is represented by the equation: $f(A) = \sigma a/A$ ave, σa is the deviation of a gas volume fraction Ar in the foamed dielectric layer, and Aave is the average of the gas volume fractions Ars at positions in the foamed dielectric layer.